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SUBJECT: US PREPARATIONS FOR 7TH SPECIAL SESSION

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY IO (BUFFUM) MET WITH FRG EMBASSY MINISTER HANSEN 27 FEBRUARY TO OUTLINE US APPROACH TO PREPARATIONS FOR SPECIAL SESSION AND DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES FOR CLOSE COORDINATION IN THIS PROCESS WITH LIKE-MINDED DELEGATIONS. AMBASSADOR BUFFUM INDICATED THAT LDC CONCERNS ALREADY SURFACED AT NON-ALIGNED DAKAR CONFERENCE ON COMMODITIES AND GROUP OF 77 MEETING IN ALGIERS ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN FEBRUARY. HE SAID THAT WE ARE NOW EXAMINING WHAT WE CAN DO WITHIN OUR POLICIES AND INTERESTS AT UNGA 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AND THAT FOR THIS

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PURPOSE HE WOULD CHAIR NEWLY APPOINTED INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL

PREPARATORY GROUP. THIS GROUP WOULD STUDY POSSIBLE US POSITIONS AND PROPOSALS. HE SAID WE ARE NOW INTERESTED IN DETERMINING DESIRABILITY JOINT PREPARATION FOR THIS SESSION INCLUDING DETERMINATION COMMON POSITIONS IN GENERAL OR ON SPECIFIC TOPICS. HANSEN WAS INFORMED WE WERE HOLDING SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS AT THIS POINT WITH THE UK, JAPANESE AND CANADA AS WELL AS FRG AND WAS ASKED ABOUT DESIRE FOR CLOSE COORDINATION AND WHETHER WE SHOULD SEEK TO ACCOMPLISH IT ON A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT BASIS, IN AN OECD CONTEXT, IN NEW YORK, OR OTHERWISE.

2. BUFFUM INDICATED OUR PLANS INCLUDED EXAMINATION POSITION

SUCH AREAS AS COMMODITIES, FOOD, TRANSFER OF RESOURCES AND STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE UN SYSTEM TO SEE WHAT POSITIVE PROPOSALS WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE. OUR GENERAL POSITION IS GENUINELY TO SEEK A DIALOGUE AND CONSENSUS IN THE UN AND NOT CONFRONTATION AND 7TH SPECIAL SESSION MAY WELL BECOME TEST CASE ON POSSIBILITY FOR REAL CONSENSUS. BY ADVANCED PREPARATION FOR THE SESSION WE WOULD HOPE TO RECTIFY SHORTCOMINGS IN COORDINATION AT THE PRECEEDING SPECIAL SESSION. HANSEN WAS ASKED FOR EXPRESSION OF VIEWS OF HIS GOVERNMENT ON THESE MATTERS AT EARLY DATE.

3. HANSEN INDICATED HE WOULD, OF COURSE, REPORT TO BONN PROMPTLY, BUT THAT HIS IMMEDIATE REACTION WAS THAT THE FRG POSITION WAS VERY MUCH IN LINE WITH THAT OF THE US. HE SAID THEY TOO SOUGHT COOPERATION NOT CONFRONTATION, AND FELT THAT THE WEST OR INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES SHOULD HARMONIZE VIEWS AT AN EARLY STAGE. HE SAID HE FELT THAT US AND WEO CONTACT AT THE PRECEEDING SESSION WAS NOT INTENSIVE ENOUGH. HE WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET BILATERALLY AND NOTED THAT THE SELECTION OF THE FOUR PARTICIPANTS AT THIS TIME REFLECTED THEIR RELATIVE IMPORTANCE IN THE ECONOMIC AREA AND THEIR IDENTITY OF VIEWS AS MADE KNOWN BY VOTING ON THE RECENT UN CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES. HE THOUGHT WE MIGHT EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER USE OF THE OECD AND SUGGESTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME MEETING WITH THE EC-9 AS APPARENTLY HAS ALREADY HAPPENED IN NEW YORK. HANSEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS ALERTED TO OECD MEETING THIS SUBJECT MARCH 5. HE STRESSED THE NEED TO LOOK FOR REAL CONSENSUS BUT ALSO FELT THAT WE SHOULD POINT OUT TO LDC'S THAT SOME OF THE THINGS THEY WISH MAY NOT REALLY BE IN THEIR INTERESTS. LDC POSITION ON SOVEREIGNTY AND NATIONALIZATION ISSUES ARE CURRENT EXAMPLES.

4. IN CLOSING, BUFFUM INDICATED THAT WE WERE ALSO LOOKING

TO FRG FOR ADVICE ON HOW TO PROCEED AND MINISTER HANSEN
INDICATED HE WOULD PROMPTLY COMMUNICATE WITH BONN AND
REQUEST AN EARLY REPLY.

5. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT REPORTING
ANY FRG VIEWS ABOVE SUGGESTIONS AND GERMAN REACTION AS
MAY COME TO YOUR ATTENTION. KISSINGER

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